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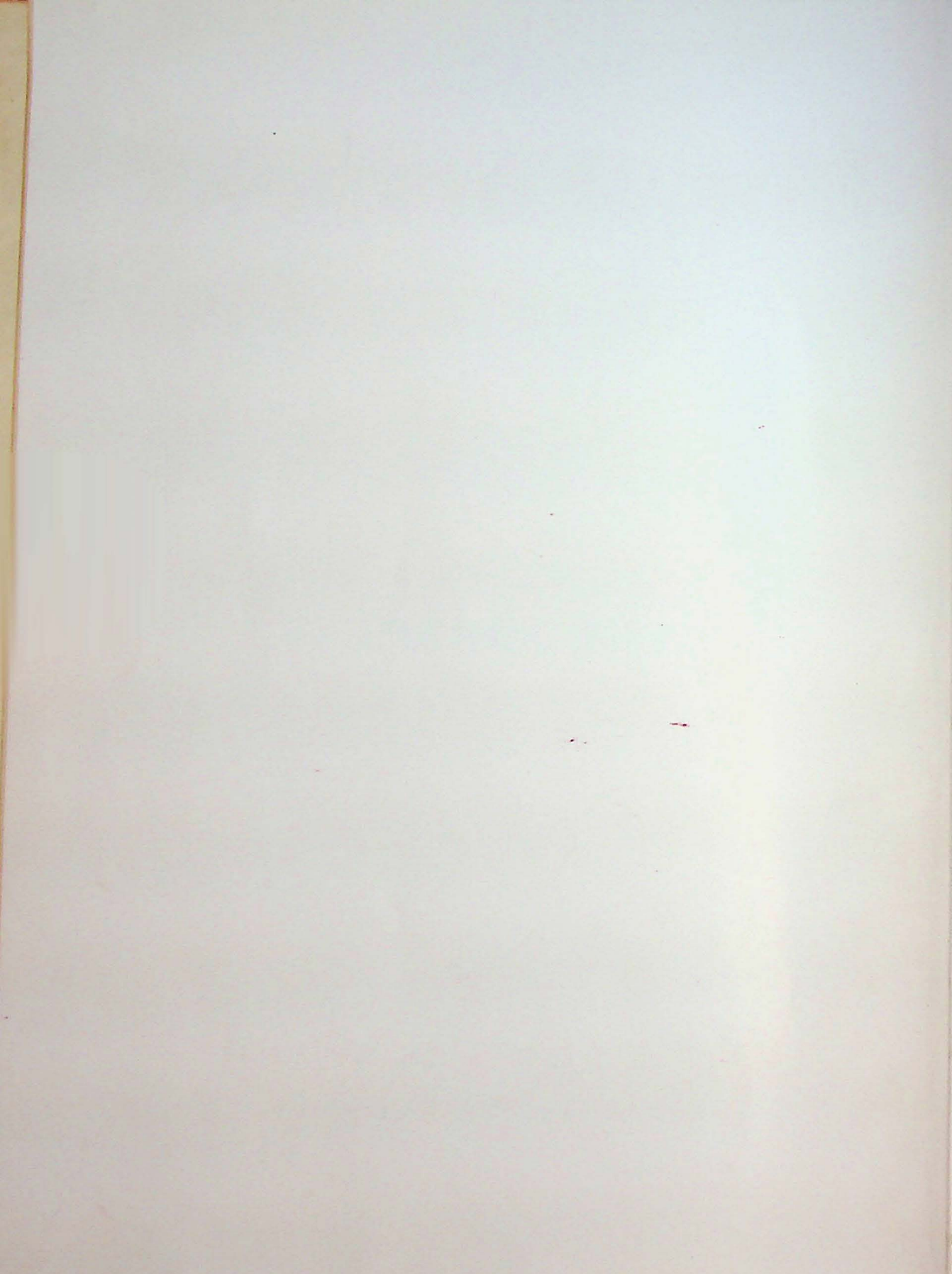
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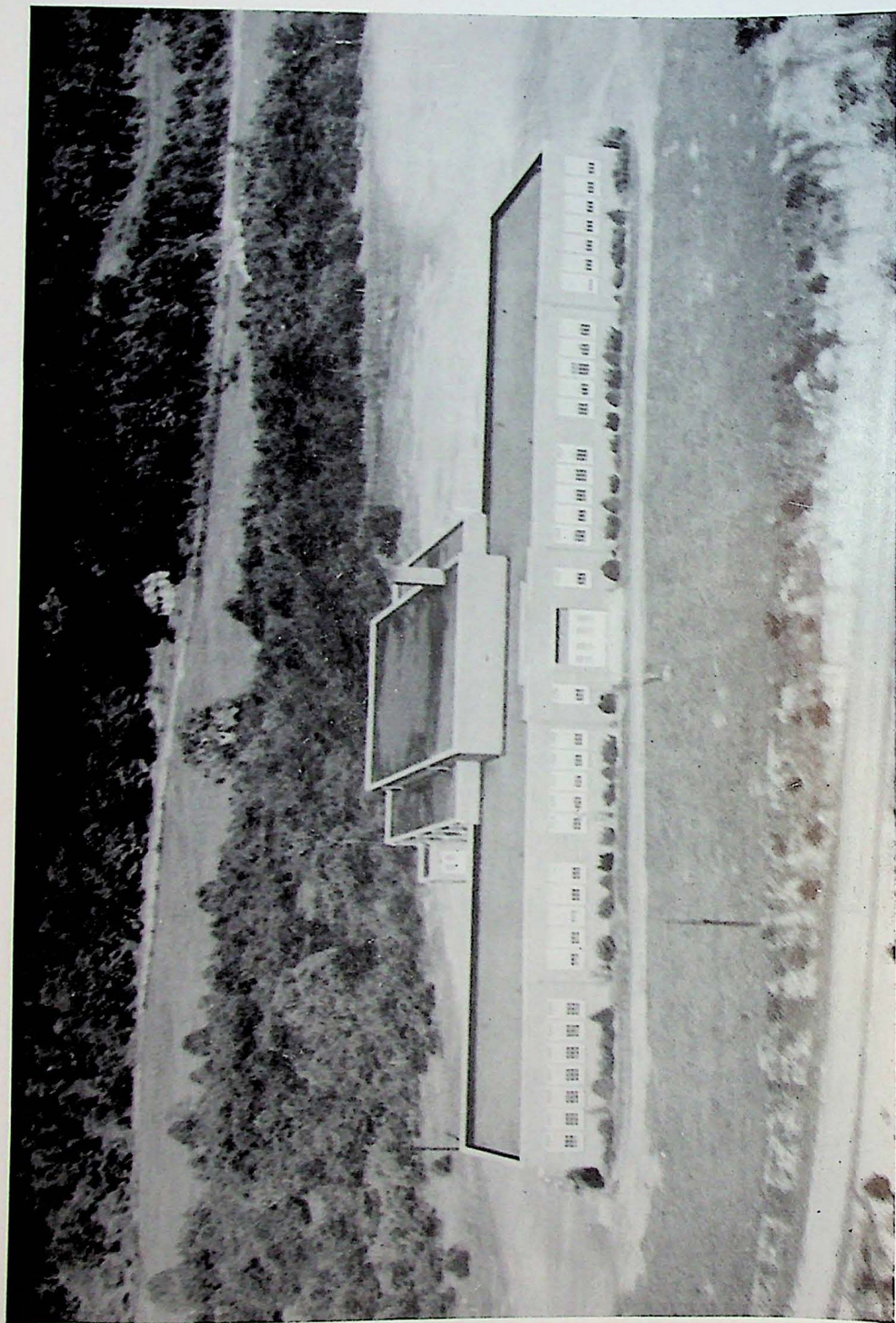
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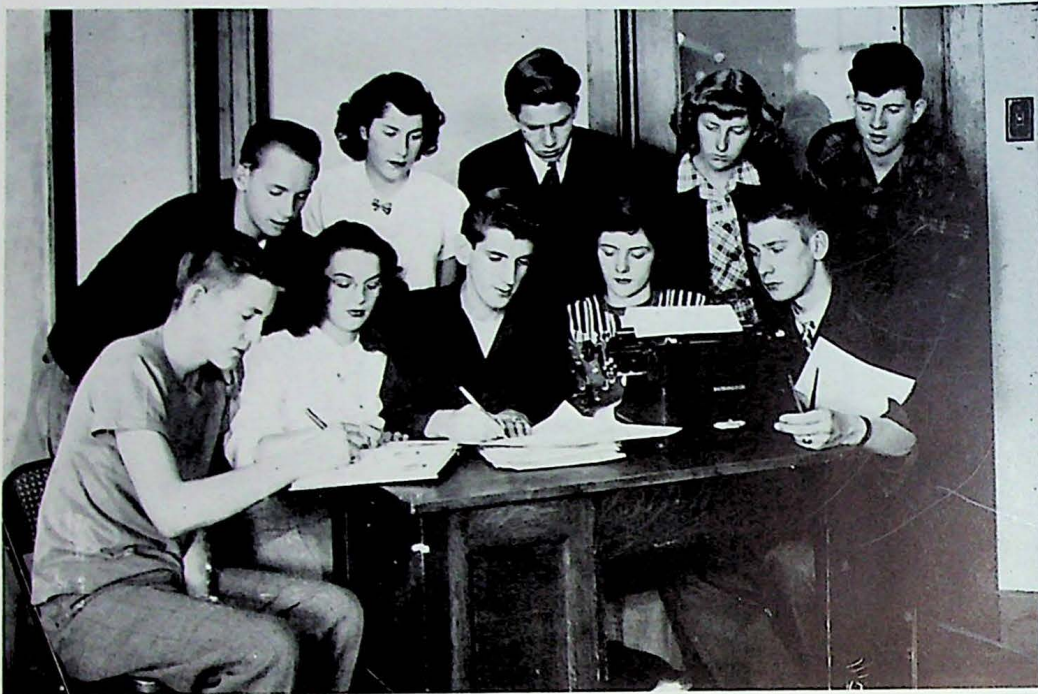
Fort Ashby High School

Fort Ashby, West Virginia



Dedication

We, the Senior Class of 1949,
dedicate this, the seventh annual
Fortress, to the faculty members
of Fort Ashby High School and to
our parents who have cooperated
whole-heartedly in our education.



Staff

Seated, Left to Right—Tommy Davis, Circulation Manager; Helen Funk, Business Manager; Victor Long, Jean Marker, Co-editors; Harry Cumberledge, Art Editor

Standing—Charlie Ornduff, Sports Editor; Irene Kimble, Photograph Editor; Carl Davis, Advertising Manager; Phyllis Sampson, Typing Editor; Dalvin Wagoner, Assistant Art Editor



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English
Geography

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English

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Home Economics
Biological Science

KENNETH KEPLINGER

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Social Studies
Physical Science

J. P. JUDY, Principal

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M. A., W. V. U.
Social Science

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Drivers Ed.
Physical Ed.

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Music

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Mathematics
Commercial Studies

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Mathematics



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Principal



Miss H. H. Pownall
Class Sponsor

DARELL EMERSON BOATMAN

Darell

Glee Club '47, '48
Class Play '48, '49
Operetta '47, '48
Basketball '47, '48, '49
Track '47



HELEN JANE FUNK

"Hel"

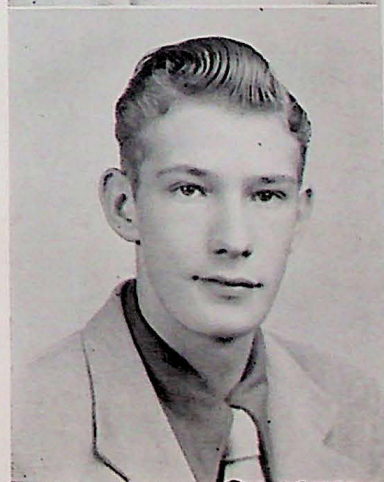
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Glee Club '45, '48
Basketball '47
Basketball Manager '48, '49
Scorekeeper '48, '49
Class Play '45, '48, '49
Class Vice President '49
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Operetta '48
Falashbian Staff '47, '48
Fortress Staff '49
Librarian '46



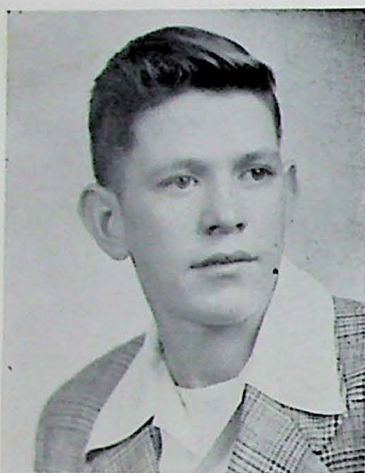
HARRY LEE CUMBERLEDGE

Harry

Science Club '45
Class Play '45, '48, '49
Glee Club '48, '49
Operetta '48, '49
Falashbian Staff '47, '48
Fortress Staff '49



SENIORS



MAYNARD LEE DAVIS

Maynard

Glee Club '47, '48
Class Play '48, '49
Operetta '47, '48
Track '47, '48
Basketball '48, '49



MARY DOLORES LARK

"Lark"

Science Club '45
Basketball '47, '48, '49
Glee Club '45, '48
Operetta '48
Class Play '48, '49
Patrolman '47
Librarian '49



THOMAS McELVAIN DAVIS

"Tommy"

Science Club '45
Football '46, '47
Basketball '47
Glee Club '48, '49
Falashbian Staff '
Band '47
Fortress Staff '49
Basketball Manag
Class Play '45, '4
Operetta '48, '49
Athletic Club '47

THOMAS M. DAVIS
NEWNAN, Ga. — Thomas
M. Davis, 68, of Windermere
Court, Newnan, died Friday
at his residence.

Visitation will be at Mc-

Koon Funeral Home, 38 Jack-
son St., Newnan, Sunday
from 5 to 7 p.m.

Services will be conducted
there Monday at 11 a.m.

SENIORS

NINA GRACE KIMBLE

"Gracie"

Science Club '45
Basketball '47, '48, '49
Glee Club '45, '48
Operetta '48
Class Play '49
Patrolman '47, '48, '49
Librarian '49



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TINA ELLEN KIMBLE

"Shorty"

Science Club '45
Glee Club '45, '48
Basketball '47, '48, '49
Operetta '48
Class Play '49
Patrolman '47, '48, '49
Librarian '49



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VIRGIL KENNETH DYER 6/1/87

"Buddy"

Class Play '48
Class Treasurer '47
Glee Club '48, '49
Operetta '48, '49
Science Club '45
Basketball '47, '48, '49
Athletic Club '46



SENIORS



DORIS PAULINE HOUSEHOLDER

"Bugs"

Science Club '45
Student Council '45
Glee Club '45, '48
Class Play '48, '49
Operetta '48
Librarian '47, '48, '49
Fortress Club '49



CARL FREDERICK DAVIS, JR.

"C. F."

Glee Club '48
Operetta '48
Class Play '48, '49
Track '47, '48, '49
Fortress Staff '49
Literary Club '49



EDNA IRENE KIMBLE

"Pokie"

Class President '43, '44, '47
Vice President '46, '48
Reporter '49
Basketball Team '47, '48, '49
Cheerleader '47, '48, '49
Falashbian Staff '47, '48
Fortress Staff '49
Operetta '48, '49
Athletic Club '47
Patrolman '46
Glee Club '45, '48, '49
Student Council '49
Class Play '45, '48, '49
Science Club '45

SENIORS

RAY EUGENE ELDER

Ray

Science Club '45

Class Play '45

Operetta '45



EVELYN ROBERTA LEASE

"Toots"

Science Club '45

Operetta '48

Glee Club '48

Class Play '48, '49

Basketball '48, '49

Librarian '48

Athletic Club '49



EARL VICTOR LONG

Victor

Class President '48, '49

Science Club '45

Class Play '45, '48, '49

Glee Club '48, '49

Highlights '48 '49

Falashbian Staff '47, '48

Fortress Staff '49

Operetta '48, '49



SENIORS

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JEAN ALICE MARKER

Jean

Cheerleader '44, '45, '47, '48, '49
 Basketball '47, '48, '49
 Glee Club '45, '48
 Falashbian Staff '47, '48
 Fortress Staff '49
 Operetta '48
 Athletic Club '47
 Science Club '45
 Class Secretary '45
 Class Play '45, '48, '49



CHARLES ROGER ORNDUFF

"Charlie"

Basketball '48, '49
 Falashbian Staff '48
 Fortress Staff '49
 Glee Club '48
 Track '47, '48
 Operetta '48
 Class Play '48, '49

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DOROTHY ELIZABETH RINKER

"Dot"

Science Club '45
 Glee Club '45, '48, '49
 Patrolman '44, '45, '46, '47, '48, '49
 Class Play '45, '48, '49
 Operetta '48, '49
 Class Treasurer '48
 Class Secretary '49
 Librarian '45, '47

SENIORS

JOHN LEON WEDELL SMITH

"Jack"

Basketball '48, '49
Class Play '49
Track '47
Science Club '45
Athletic Club '45
Operetta '48
Junior High Basketball '46
Glee Club '48



PHYLLIS DEUETTA SAMPSON

"Pud"

Science Club '45
Glee Club '48
Fortress Staff '49



DALVIN BRUCE WAGONER

Dalvin

Science Club '45
Operetta '48
Falashbian Staff '48
Class Play '49
Fortress Staff '49



SENIORS



DOROTHY LEE TWIGG

"Dottie"

Science Club '45
Glee Club '45, '48
Basketball '47, '48
Operetta '48
Class Play '45, '48, '49
Class Treasurer '46, '49
Fortress Staff '49



ALAN LOUIS WHITACRE

"Dumbo"

JAN 24, 1978

Class Play '45, '48, '49
Science Club '45
Glee Club '48
Track '46, '47
Basketball '47, '49
Literary Club '49
Patrolman '49
Operetta '48
Athletic Club '45



ERMA ELOUISE WELCH

Erma

Class Vice President '44
Class Treasurer '45
Athletic Club '45
Science Club '45
Class Play '45, '48, '49
Falashbian Staff '47, '48
Operetta '48
Glee Club '45, '48
Cheerleader '48, '49

SENIORS

sex with a 21-year-old
shared with his wife, his
When P too was ol
conservati
nity, who can stand it,

DANIEL JAMES WHITACRE

"Danny"

Class Play '45, '48, '49

Science Club '45

Glee Club '45, '48

Basketball '49

Literary Club '49

Operetta '48

Track '46



Class Song

ALMA MATER

It's time we must journey,
Along on our way,
We're going to leave you,
Our work, our play.
We always will honor
Our teachers and friends,
We'll love and cherish Alma Mater
Till the end.

CHORUS

We'll love Alma Mater forever,
The past will remain within our hearts.
Our class of '49 will live true to our motto,
"It matters not how long we live but how."

Diary

1937-38

Dear Diary,

This is our first year of school. Our teacher is Miss Etta Dunn. She is teaching us our A B C's and how to write our names. Wayne Fertig sucks his thumb every day, and Miss Etta has decided to get him a bottle and nipple. There are twins, Nina and Tina Kimble, in our class.

Future Class of '49

1938-39

Dear Diary,

Our second grade teacher is Miss Elizabeth Stemple. Helen Funk is a new student. Irene Kimble and Melvin Newlon have fallen quite hard for each other. He has learned to write her notes, and believe it or not, diary, all of us can read them.

Future Class of '49

1939-40

Dear Diary,

Third graders now. Miss Virginia Bolen is teaching us to be healthy, and each month the winning row in the contest receives a prize. Little Dottie Twigg is our new student this year. We are having an operetta this year. Our high school building, which had been under construction, is ready for us although we were in it only two weeks.

Future Class of '49

1940-41

Dear Diary,

We are now "Big Wheels" in a four room school. Miss Mary Ellen Beckman started to paddle Mike Malone yesterday, but he jumped out the window and ran up town.

Future Class of '49

1941-42

Dear Diary,

This is our fifth year of learning. Miss Wimer received a broken arm while coming to school. Jo Ann Sandbower, Jean Marker, and Tommy Davis have skipped a grade and have now joined us. Victor Long has come to us from Pattersons Creek School this year. We moved into the High School Building this school term.

Future Class of '49

1942-43

Dear Diary,

Our big thrill came today. We are to our half way mark. Again we are presenting an operetta and an "Information Please" program in assembly. Evelyn Lease is a new student and Mrs. Evelyn Pownell is a new teacher this year. We are going to have a student council.

Future Class of '49

1943-44

Dear Diary,

This is a thrill for us because we are in the seventh grade and we are members of Fort Ashby High School. It makes us feel big to be able to change classes. We have quite a few new members this year: Doris Householder, Dolores Lark, Maynard Davis, Ray Elder, Bud Dyer, Alan Whitacre, and Danny Whitacre. Miss Swecker is our home room teacher. Betty Evans gave us all a scare several days ago when she was doing some high jumping in Physical Education. Victor Long and Tommy Davis went before the student council for chasing Jo Ann Sandbower in the mud.

Future Class of '49

Diary

1944-45

Dear Diary,

We are journeying on to the eighth grade. Coach Simmoncelli is our adviser. We are presenting a class play, "Hands Up," and Miss Penninah Goldsworthy, our English teacher, is directing it. Irene Kimble and Joe Ambrose were surprised the other day when they received the American Legion Medal of Merit for Citizenship. Phyllis Sampson has now joined our ranks. And now we have another broken leg! Jack Smith received it while wrestling with Donald Pownall yesterday. When we heard a scream everyone ran to see the results. There we found Jean Marker pulling Virginia Lechlitter's hair over a "puppy love" affair with Jack Smith.

Future Class of '49

1945-46

Dear Diary,

We are glad to be with Mrs. Olen Marks. Carl Davis joined us. We are selling cup cakes to buy some library books for the school. Doris Householder is nicknamed "Bugs."

Future Class of '49

1946-47

Dear Diary,

Darell Boatman has come to us this year from Keyser High School. Charles Ornduff is also a new student from Southern High, Baltimore, Md. Both of these boys are active in sports. Mr. Thomas Small, our new Physical Education Teacher, is with us now. Jean Marker and Irene Kimble are our class cheerleaders. We decided to publish the Falashbian.

Future Class of '49

1947-48

Dear Diary,

We are proud to be juniors now. Our class play is "Handle With Care." Several of our class members had leading parts in our operetta, "Grande Ole Switzerland." Everyone has fun making money for our Junior-Senior Prom and banquet. Miss Dorothy Haines and Mr. Thomas Small are our advisers. Erma Welch has been added to our cheerleaders this year. Several of the boys and girls are on the basketball team. And oh my! Another broken bone! It is Darell Boatman this time. He was playing football. One day we found Doris Householder in the rest room sobbing, because she discovered Eldridge Leatherman was moving away.

Future Class of '49

1948-49

Dear Diary,

Twenty-six enrolled in our final year, but Jimmy Livengood ceased his struggle. Victor Long is our president; Helen Funk, vice-president; Dorothy Rinker, secretary; Dottie Twigg, treasurer; and Irene Kimble, reporter. Miss Helen Pownall is our Home Room Teacher. We are presenting "Neath a Dixie Moon" and several of our group are taking part in the operetta. Helen Funk is manager and scorekeeper; Victor Long, timekeeper; and Tommy Davis, manager for the basketball teams. And now, Dear Diary, as we close the pages of our final entry of our high school career, we wish that all those coming on might experience our joys and successes and have as much fun as we have had in our struggle for education.

Parting Class of '49

Senior Class Will of 1949

Jack Smith leaves his ability to grow a beard to Willie Bauer.

Dottie Twigg wills her power to speak when she is spoken to, to Betty Garland.

Helen Funk bestows her title of "Miss Fortress" to Esther Lechlitter.

Doris Householder leaves her jokes and temper to Helen Pyles.

Jean Marker leaves her years of cheerleading to Eloise Shipman.

Tina and Nina Kimble leave their sisterly love to Frances and Elizabeth Anderson.

Dalvin Wagoner leaves all his girl troubles to Glenn Long.

Dorothy Rinker leaves her love for square dancing to Jeanette Kimble.

Evelyn Lease wills her slenderness to Patsy Abe.

Phyllis Sampson leaves her frank and truthful remarks to Norma Jean Evans.

Victor Long wills his way with the teachers to George Blauch.

Delores Lark leaves her daily dieting to Delores Smith.

Bud Dyer wills his stubbornness to Pete Wagoner.

Charlie Ornduff leaves his interest in sports to Richard Weese.

Harry Lee Cumberledge hands over his car keys to Lloyd Welker.

Danny Whitacre leaves all his abilities to whomever wants them.

Darell Boatman wants to take everything of his own with him and part of John Dayton's height.

Irene Kimble leaves her love for basketball to Mary Ann May.

Maynard Davis leaves half of his devilish ways to Franklin Denison.

Ray Elder leaves his love for school to the whole student body—enjoy it as much as he has.

Alan Whitacre wills his nick name "Dumbo" to Paul Dohrman.

Carl Davis leaves his attention to the girls to Ray Pyles.

Erma Welch leaves her friendly ways to Thelma Bosley.

Tommy Davis leaves all his cinnamon toothpicks which he always distributes among the seniors to Jack Brinkman.

To the Faculty, we leave the hope that there will never be another class as mischievous as we were.

To the Janitor, we leave all our notes, candy papers, and hope the Seniors next year will remember to bring back your hammer.

To the Student Body, we give the explanation of our bad behaviour, maybe you didn't know but we're sure the teachers understood the reason. So that you may look back over our intentional mistakes and by them better yourself.



Devil Himself



What'a Beard



Brown-nosers



The Twins



"The Sunbonnet Kids"



Looker!!!



"Hold That Pose"



Three Stooges



Stream Girls



"Three Sevens"



Luscious!!



"Six-in-One's
Nowhere"



Treacious



Pyramid Club

Class Poem

The twenty five members of the forty niners
Are truly a class of students united;
If the teachers punish one of these minors
They must deal with the group, until everything's righted.
The youngest member of the Senior Class
Is full of jokes, and tricks, and fun;
Now, Danny is learning to step on the gas;
As a mimic he'll win a place in the sun.
A tall handsome lad whom we all adore
Arranges stage settings and carves wood by hand;
Harry Lee's charm attracts girls by the score
And his jeep's always ready at their command.
We have in our midst a slender youth
Who has helped with the yearbook, school paper, and plays;
He can sing, he can play; is a student in truth.
As a surgeon our Victor will serve future days.
Carl has attended so many schools
He can scarcely decide what he wants to do;
He has already proved he can farm by the rules
And shows skill as an orator and editor, too.
Helen is always a perfect dear,
As reporter at games she tends strictly to duty;
Her voice is so sweet and her smile so sincere,
No wonder she was crowned Our Queen of Beauty.
Evelyn Lease is a tall slender student
Who does her school tasks with a friendly smile;
She enjoys a good joke and shows that are prudent,
With her kindness she lightens many a mile.
Darell is lively, friendly and clever,
The athletes all know his true worth,
He's a bundle of joy who is joking forever
And he'll spread his good cheer to the ends of the earth.
Though Nina is always the first on the roll
And Tina comes next according to Hoyle,
We never will know which is which for their goal
Is a healthy enjoyment of our seeming turmoil.
The other Kimble whom we know as Irene
Holds a very choice place in our hearts
For she's always ready and on the scene
When we need her to play in elderly parts.
A Home Ec. student is Phyllis Sampson
Who helps with whatever work is at hand;
She will always work hard 'till the day is done
And her service will constantly be in demand.
Alan is planning a college career,
His manner is friendly and often times gay;
As a minister his mission will be sincere
For he always insists on fair play.
We often wonder if time affords
If Tommy could perfect his comedy roles;
But his aim is, we learn, to serve medical words
Where he'll bring relief to suffering souls.
Our graceful young cheerleader known as Jean
Excels in plays and clubs and classes;
Her business skill can be plainly seen
For she exceeds all other lads and lasses.

Class Poem

Maynard is surely a lively young colt
Who can never be found when he is needed;
He finds excuses for all who revolt
And can't see why rules must be heeded.
One of our boys from the farm is Ray Elder
Who helps anyone who needs aid, he declares;
Some day he may hire you as electric welder
As he plans to build a shop for repairs.
Dottie Twigg is our winsome young blonde
Whose voice is sweet and tender and low;
Her friendly manner and smile so fond
Are a part of the magic her charms bestow.
Dalvin is handsome and slender and tall,
He can picture and carve out a thing of beauty;
Though you never can prove that he'll come when you call,
He assures you he wouldn't neglect his duty.
Erma works hard at a task assigned,
The strength of her will power is great;
She often forgets what she had in mind
When her choice student friend arrives late.
Charles came to us from a neighboring state,
He's full of strange questions and curious notions;
Sometimes he works hard and complains at his fate,
It's a "Cinch" he has captured one girl's devotions.
John Smith is a student who rates in his classes,
He is busy with church work and 4-H and school;
No one is ever surprised when he passes
For he struggles to follow every rule.
Twins are quite rare in Fort Ashby High,
In fact we have never experienced a pair
Who are so much alike, either one can reply
To the other's name, all the teachers declare.
A quiet young lad is Buddy Dyer
When he reads or is sleeping soundly at night;
But the boys all know that his one desire
Is to be in the midst of a winning fight.
Doris Householder has a charm all her own,
Her zeal for athletics is truly enthralling;
She can work with a group or study alone
And her quick wit will aid her, whatever her calling.
The dark-eyed young lady we know as Dolores
Has a pleasant smile that's always charming;
No manner what happens she's rooting for us
In a lively manner that is almost alarming.
A willing helper is Dorothy Rinker
Who never complains when there's work to do;
That's why her teachers and classmates think her
A trustworthy girl whose ideals ring true.

Miss Helen Pownall
Class Sponsor

Class Prophecy

I, one of the prospectors, have been asked to tell you something about the Goal Rush of '49. I shall tell you what will happen to the '49ers as we go toward our Goal Success.

The future looked bright as we left the auditorium after graduation.

Dorothy Rinker and Irene Kimble decided to leave us, in order to be married.

Ah, yes, there's a ship sailing for a foreign port, and who is it's captain? Why, none other than our Darell Boatman. After many days over rough seas, Darell's ship docks in South Africa. As the captain walks down the gang-plank, he is surprised to encounter Alan Whitacre who is now a well known missionary in the Belgium Congo. Alan informs the captain that one of his passengers on the return trip will be Bud Dyer, who has been on a big game hunt in Africa. Finally the ship again docks, but this time in New York. Here, Bud is met by Maynard Davis, who is now head of a large concern known as, "Buck's Taxi-cab Service." Buck's motto is, "No trip too short or too long."

We will visit Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. We find it hasn't taken Doctor Victor Long much time to reach the top. He is now a skilled and well known doctor. Doctor Long is surrounded by a group of nurses, two of whom are Jean Marker and Dottie Twigg. They are listening eagerly as he propounds to them the effect and theory of a brand new drug. This drug was discovered by Dr. Danny Whitacre, the world's greatest scientiest since Einstein, and his able assistant Dr. Dalvin Wagoner. Yes, dear classmates, Danny and Dalvin dicovered all too late a drug which will do your own thinking for you.

Now, let us return closer home, and see what our '49ers are doing. Fort Ashby has really grown-up since we last saw it. Many fine homes have been built, no doubt by a well-known carpenter, Harry Lee Cumberlande, and contractor, "Tommie" Davis.

Ray Elder, a prosperous farmer, now owns a large farm close the Dan's Run District.

I see we have a law office here in Fort Ashby, and of course the lawyer is none other than Carl Davis. He is assisted by his efficient secretary, Helen Funk, who stays late at night, "working," she says.

There is also a Central Telephone Exchange in Fort Ashby, with a number of telephone operators employed, one of whom is Tina Kimble, "but where is Nina," we ask? Tina sighs and shows us a recent picture of Nina and a new set of twins.

Let us now visit our "Ole Alma Mater." We find many changes have been made, one of whom is a new coach. "Coach" Charles Ornduff is preparing to take his team to the University of Morgantown to play in the basketball finals. His wife (the former Erma Welch) will take over his Physical Education classes for the day.

Two of our classmates, Phyllis Sampson and Evelyn Lease, are taking over the school-lunch program in the cafeteria.

We were able to attend a P. T. A. meeting while we were visiting. One of the main speakers of the evening was Jack Smith (who is president of the P. T. A.). He told of his experiences as an Agricultural Teacher.

Before we left, we visited Mr. Judy, and found Dolores Lark, acting as secretary to the principal.

As I'm scheduled to go on duty at 11 p. m., I'll have to leave you, and don my uniform.

Doris Householder



Juniors

First Row, Left to Right—Delores Smith, Elizabeth Wagoner, Mary Ann May, Frances Anderson, Sally Hershberger, Helen Pyles, Jeanette Kimble, Jane Seeders, Eileen Isner, Thelma Bosley

Second Row—Thomas Small, Sponsor; Willie Bauer, Betty Garland, Annabell Miner, Norma Jean Evans, Inez Cox, Eloise Shipman, Richard Weese, Johnny Wyer, Dorothy Haines, Sponsor

Third Row—Franklin Dennison, Jackie Brinkman, Elwood Wagoner, Leroy Wagoner, Larry Hepner, Richard May, George Blauch, Glenn Long, Lloyd Welker, Carl Wagoner



Sophomores

First Row, Left to Right—Richard Malone, John Dayton, John Alt, Marcia Ellen Wagoner, Genevieve Long, Mary Dennison, Eleanor Abe, Janet Lechlitter, Patty Lou Wagoner, Paul Dohrman

Second Row—Keith Alt, Esther Lechlitter, Alane Clair, Colleen Wyer, William Marker, Sponsor, Audrey Wagoner, Marie Pyles, Stella Simpson, Raymond Anderson

Third Row—William Self, Junior Brelsford, Gilbert Myers, Sonny Twigg, Junior Kimble, Johnnie Haines, William Senn, Leroy Boore, James Shirley, Billy Wetzel



Freshmen

First Row, Left to Right—Jack Miller, Jack Frankland, Richard Lyons, Glen Milleson, Lane Oakman, Randy Davis, Melvin Martin

Second Row—Harry Seeders, Nelson Jenkins, Kay Elder, Gerald Weese, Gene Ault, Bruce Bosley, Donald Kenney, Dale Riley

Third Row—Lois Dayton, Doris Bohrer, Anna Bosley; Laura Marks, Sponsor; Dollie Beam, Ruth Rexrode, Wilma Twigg, Hazel Bosley, James Kenney

Fourth Row—Eunice Watts, Wilda Wyer, Doris Long, Elizabeth Anderson, Beverly Shirley, Jean Haines, Nina Pownall, Margaret Lease



Eighth Grade

First Row, Left to Right—Jack Brown, Orville Miller, Ronald Abe, Thomas Lechlitter, Richard Welch, Myron Miller, David Shobe, George Snyder, James Hart, Raymond Spencer, Ronald Hershberger

Second Row—Helena Snyder, Dorothy O'Brien, Marjorie Logsdon, Nora Ault, Norma Isner, Gae Long, Geraldine Staggs, Geneva Weese, Nellie Harden, Sarah Smith, Joanne Hepner, Evelyn Dennison, Norma Crabtree

Third Row—Stella Dennison, Esther Baldwin, Helen Teter, Lorraine Lark, Norma Price, Darlena Evans, Jo Ann Dowden, Marlene Fisher, Ruth Alt, Doris Saville

Fourth Row—Willard Garland, Lawrence O'Brien, Herbert Staggs, Curtis Kesner, Ernest Wagoner, Harold Simpson, John Lechlitter, Jack Clark, Allen Singhass; Kenneth Keplinger, Sponsor; Donald Bennett, Otis Watts, Robert Dayton, Wilson Milleson



Seventh Grade

First Row, Left to Right—Robert Cowgill, Jay Elder, Lewis Wagoner, Richard Whitacre, Don Riley, Kile Malone, Donald Welker, Dick Twigg, Gary Pyles, Estal Riggleman, Donald Kimble, Arthur Oates, Ervin Wagoner, James Bosley

Second Row—James Oates, Bill Dennison, George Lark, James Preston, Robert Bowers, Richard Baldwin, Jim Kimble, Howard Manning, James Umstot, John Senn, Sylvia O'Brien, Mary Simpson, Alice Shipe, Mildred Dolly, Twila Kesner, Shirley Hart

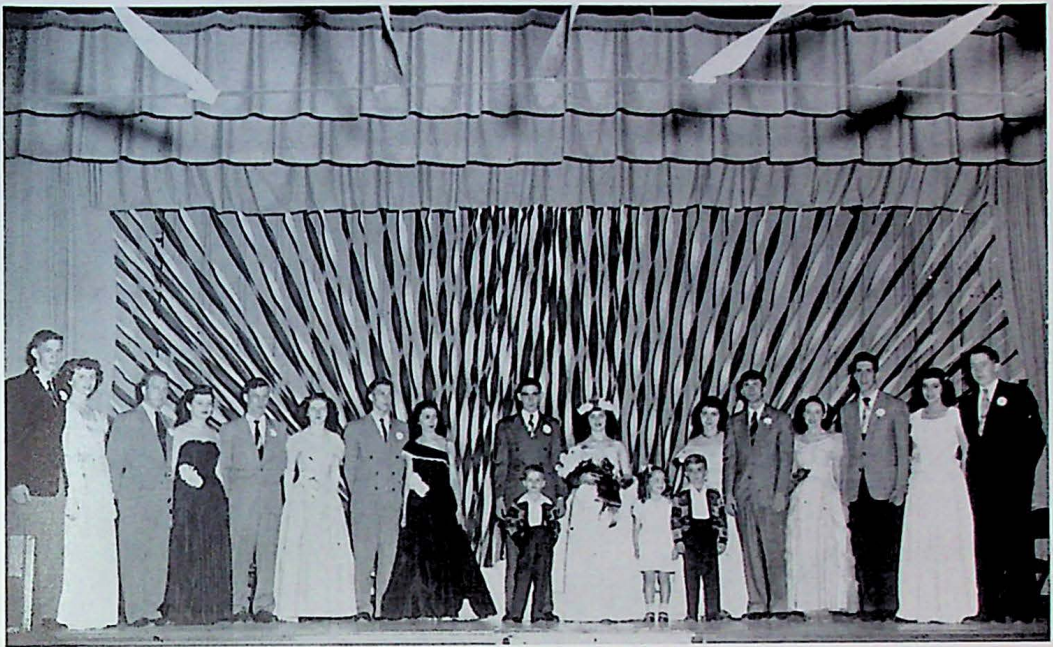
Third Row—Nedra Abe, Nellie Van Meter, Arlene Ratcliffe, Margie Baldwin, Sara Clark; Charlotte Ann Thayer and Flora Swecker, Sponsors; Barbara Broome, Mary Jo Wolford, Patsy Dermer, Patsy Malone, Lelia Decker, Norma Malone, JoAnn Simpson, Geraldine Dowden, Wanda Shreve

Fourth Row—Wilma Myers, Norma Shipman, Gayle Pownall, Rosalyn Milleson, Jennie Lease, Billy Eye, Robert Bantz, Dale Oakman, Lewis Leatherman, Jim Lechlitter, Jim Anderson

Miss Fortress I



Miss Helen Funk



Miss Fortress Ball

On December 3, 1948, Helen Funk was crowned Miss Fortress I by Mr. J. P. Judy, Principal, at 9:00 P. M. in the Fort Ashby High School Auditorium.

Miss Funk was chosen by popular vote of the students. She chose for her escort Virgil "Bud" Dyer. Both the Queen and her escort are students of the Senior Class. Seven schools were represented at the dance. Each school sent a princess and her escort from their senior class.

Carol Jean Hepner was crown-bearer and the two attendants were Jerry and Douglas Wolford. Victor Long was announcer, while Jean Marker presented the bouquet of yellow pom-poms to the Queen.

The decoration for the Gym was carried out in the Senior Class colors, blue and white.

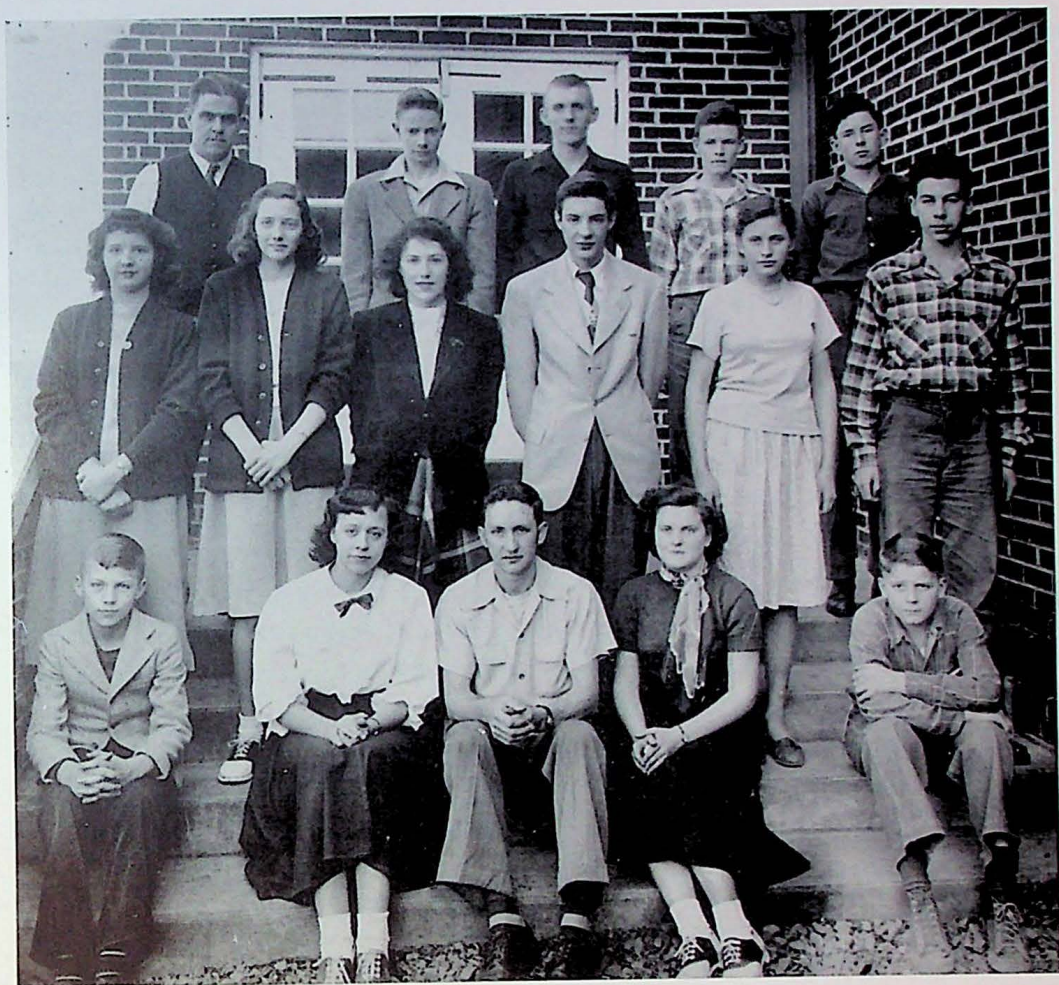


High School Chorus

First Row, Left to Right—William Bauer, Buddy Dyer, Tommy Davis, Mary Ann May, Elizabeth Wagoner, Delores Smith, Helen Pyles, Jeanette Kimble, Jane Seeders, Eileen Isner, Thelma Bosley, Marcia Ellen Wagoner

Second Row—Mary Dennison, Audrey Wagoner, Alane Clair, Betty Garland; Helen Pownall, Director; Inez Cox, Genevieve Long, Janet Lechliter, Irene Kimble, Patsy Abe, Marie Pyles

Third Row—Raymond Anderson, William Senn, William Self, Jack Brinkman, Paul Dohrman, Billy Wetzel, Leroy Boore, Dorothy Rinker, Patty Lou Wagoner, Harry Lee Cumberledge, Victor Long



Student Council

First Row, Left to Right—Robert Dayton, Eighth; Madge Hershberger, Secretary-Treasurer, Tenth; Jack Smith, President, Twelfth; Norma Jean Evans, Vice-President, Eleventh; Robert Bowers, Seventh

Second Row—Margaret Lease, Ninth; Joann Hepner, Eighth; Irene Kimble, Twelfth; Danny Whitacre, Twelfth; Jo Ann Simpson, Seventh; Franklin Dennison, Eleventh

Third Row—Thomas Small, Sponsor; Glenn Milleson, Ninth; John Dayton, Tenth; Johnnie Haines, Tenth; Carl Wagoner, Eleventh

Senior Class Play

The Seniors presented their annual class play, "Neath A Dixie Moon," a romantic comedy in three acts by Lelia May Smith, on March 10, 1949.

The members of the Senior class that participated in the play are Tommy Davis and Dolores Lark, Southern darkies; Billy, the head of the house of Humphries, Danny Whitacre; Jimmy, Billy's pal, Maynard Davis; Mrs. Gordon Humphries, Billy's grandmother and owner of the plantation, Irene Kimble; Mrs. William Humphries, Billy's mother, better known as Grace, Helen Funk; Virginia Bankston, secretary to Mrs. Humphries, Jean Marker; Lynn Barton, another grandson of Mrs. Humphries, Jack Smith; John Mason, a friend of Lynn's, Dalvin Wagoner; Merry Spangler, a young Beau Brummel of Vicksburg, Charlie Ornduff; Marie Hamilton, a friend of the family, Erma Welch; Bessie Lee, most popular girl in town, Doris Householder; Clara Dickson, the prettiest girl in town, Dottie Twigg; Bea and Gay Redmond, the noted twins, Nina and Tina Kimble, and their satellites, Tom Jones and Dick Maybin, Darell Boatman and Carl Davis; Dr. Winters, a young physician, Victor Long; Mr. Bob Smith, Virginia's father and an old friend of the family, Alan Whitacre.

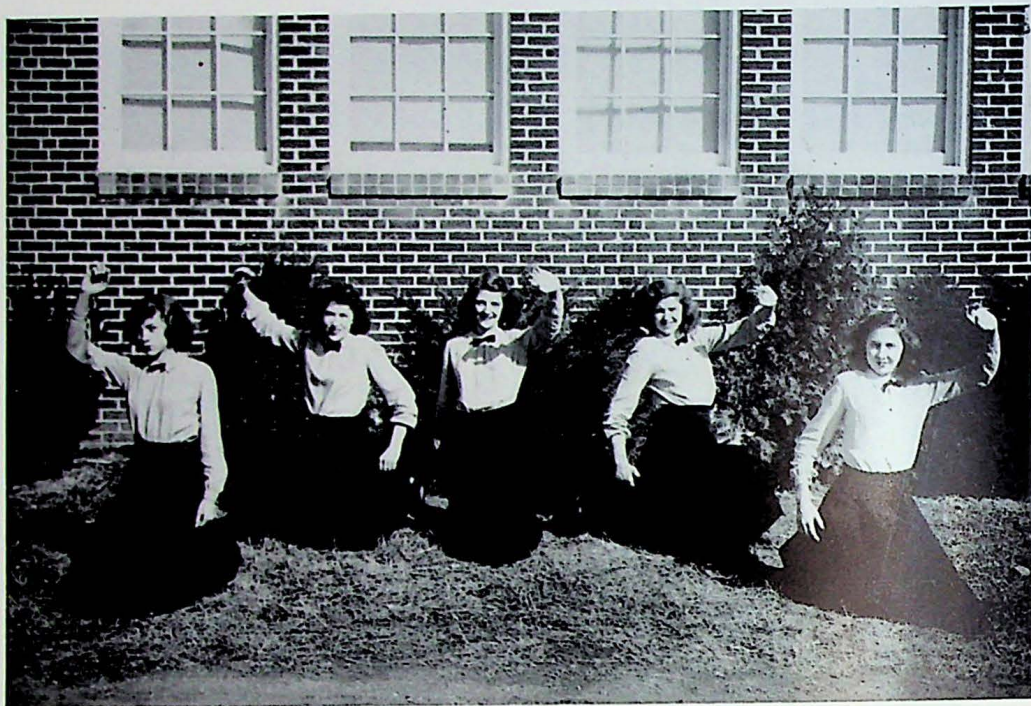
Miss Helen Pownall, class sponsor, directed the play.

Junior Class Play

The junior class presented their class play on December 7, 1948, in the high school auditorium. The play was entitled "Peck's Bad Boy." It was a comedy which took place in the suburbs of a city.

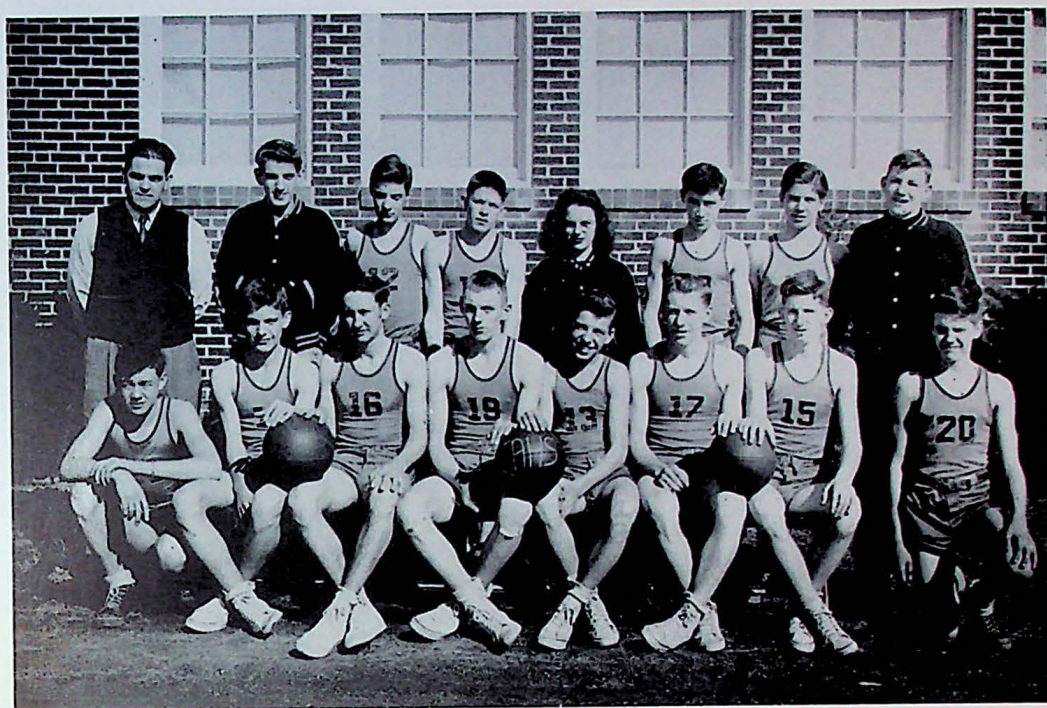
The characters were as follows: Henry Peck, Sr., who is henpecked, George Blauch; Henry Peck, Jr., his son and the bad boy, Carl Wagoner; Mrs. Hannah Peck, his step-mother, Elizabeth Wagoner; Jimmy Duffy, the bad boy's pal, Larry Hepner; Minnie, bad boy's girl, Delores Smith; Luella Thorne, the bad boy's stepsister, Mary Ann May; Clefford Jennings, in love with Luella, Richard May; Melville Beaumont, an aged financier, Leroy Wagoner; Lizzie, maid at the Peck's, Sally Hersherberger; Schultz, the grocer, Franklin Dennison. The three radio singers were Dora, Eloise Shipman; Flora, Inez Cox; Lora, Frances Anderson.

The play was under the direction of Miss Helen Pownall. Thelma Bosley and Ray Pyles were stage managers, while Betty Garland and Jack Brinkman were book holders.



Cheerleaders

Elizabeth Anderson, Irene Kimble, Jean Marker,
Erma Welch, Delores Smith



Boys' Basketball Team

First Row, Left to Right—Jack Frankland, Paul Dohrman, Jack Smith, John Dayton, Darell Boatman, George Blauch, Alan Whitacre, Donald Kenny

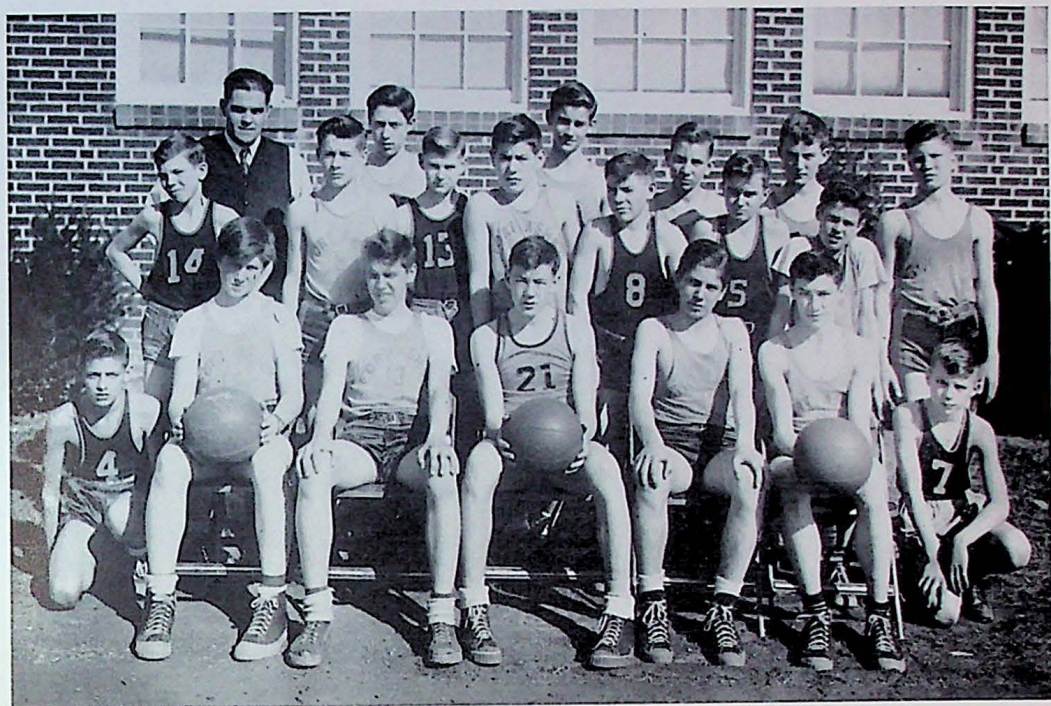
Second Row—Coach Thomas Small, Victor Long, Timekeeper; Danny Whitacre, Maynard Davis, Helen Funk, Score Keeper; Kay Elder, Melvin Martin, Tommy Davis, Manager



Girls' Basketball Team

First Row, Left to Right—Tina Kimble, Irene Kimble, Delores Smith, Jean Marker and Nina Kimble

Second Row, Left to Right—Miss Dorothy Haines, Coach; Frances Anderson, Annabell Miner, Delores Lark, Esther Lechlitter, Evelyn Lease, Colleen Wyer, Marie Pyles, Sally Hershberger, Helen Funk, Manager



Jr. High Basketball Team

First Row, Left to Right—Ronnie Hershberger, Dale Riley, Donnie Kenney, Jack Frankland, Bunny Martin, Kay Elder, Robert Dayton

Second Row—Raymond Spencer, Gene Ault, Allen Singhass, David Shobe, Myron Miller, James Hart, Randy Davis, Eddie Riley

Third Row—Coach Thomas Small, Harry Seeders, Donald Bennett, Orville Miller, Richard Lyons

Basketball

With the closing of the regular season there came the sectional tournament at Keyser, W. Va. The Eagles were seeded last in the event but as the contests start and upsets happen the turnout was "all together different."

The Fort Ashby quint advanced to the finals with a little luck in the drawing, a bye and a 39-30 shellacking of Elk Garden High School.

The Eagles played the Romney Pioneers in the finals after the latter had lost a close decision to Elk Garden. But on the second of the three night event Romney met a cool-playing Piedmont school who had previously knocked off the highly favored Blackhawks of Ridgeley and thus establishing themselves the new favorite.

Fort Ashby lost the final which was a heart breaking 31-29 decision to the Pioneers.

At the conclusion of the tournament, John Dayton, the center, was honored by being placed on the all tournament team at a forward position with Don Maphis of Romney. Piedmont dominated the team by placing two on the mythical five, Gannon at center, and Smith at guard. Comer, Ridgeley guard, concluded the team.

The squad received the runnerup trophy and the boys' individual medals and John Dayton received a miniature trophy for his outstanding feat.

Dayton was also the Eagles' leading scoring threat, registering a total of 26 points in the two contests.

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43	Elk Garden	34
18	Piedmont	23
29	Romney	28
27	Howard	47
30	Beall	26
49	Capon Bridge	26

With the preceding schedule, the Fort Ashby quint managed to finish the season with a .524 percentage mark.

High scoring honors of the year went to the hard playing guard Darell Boatman who fired 186 points through the baskets this season. Runnerup honors went to a forward from the Junior class, George Blaich, who posted a total of 146 on the score board.

Other individual scoring went as follows:

John Dayton	128	Paul Dohrman	29	Jack Franklin	3
Jack Smith	90	Charlie Ornduff	9	Maynard Davis	2
Alan Whitacre	71	Richard May	9	Melvin Martin	2
Buddy Dyer	41				

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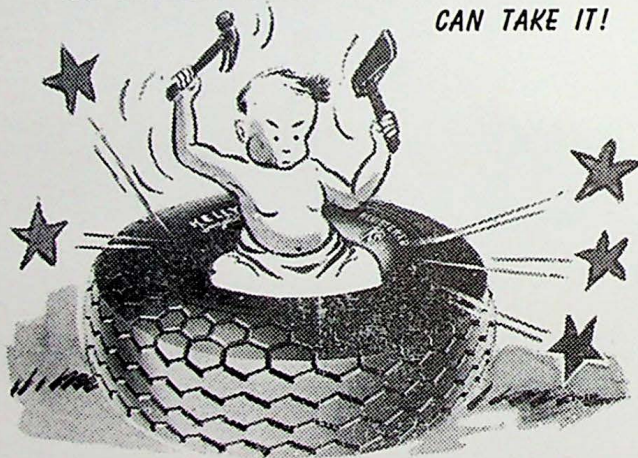
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